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1. RECENT DEVELOPMENT RE TRAVEL INTERNATIONAL VISITOR GRANTEE EMMANUEL DIOULO OPENS DOOR FOR WHAT POST FEELS IS EXCELLENT PROGRAMMING PACKAGE. AS NOTED ABIDJAN A-4, DIOULO PLANNED VISIT U.S. ON RETURN FROM TRIP TO SOUGH AMERICA (BRAZIL). DUE TO OFFICIAL COMMITMENTS HE NOW WILL HAVE TO TRAVEL TO U.S. BEFORE BRAZIL AND REQUESTS THAT THREE TOP OFFICIALS WHO WILL ACCOMPANY HIM TO BRAZIL BE INCLUDED U.S. VISIT. TRAVELLING WITH DIOULO WILL BE KWAME N'DRI KPATCHIBO, DIRECTOR OF INVESTMENTS AND EQUIPMENT, MIN. FINANCE; CASIMIR KOUADIO KRA, DIRECTEUR DES PROGRAMMES PLURIANNUELS, MIN. PLAN; AND DUEN DADIA, DIRECTOR OF TERRITORIAL PLANNING AND REGIONAL ACTION, MIN. PLAN. ALL ARE YOUNG (EARLY 30'S), COMPETENT OFFICIALS WHO QUALIFY INDIVIDUALLY AS IV CANDIDATES DUE TO THEIR POSITIONS AND INFLUENCE WITHIN RESPECTIVE MINISTRIES. KRA AND KPATCHIBO BOTH WERE MEMBERS OF DELEGATION WHICH TRAVELED TO U.S. IN MAY TO NEGOCIATE IBRD LOAN.

2. PURPOSE OF BRAZIL VISIT IS TO VIEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS SIMILAR TO TVA NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WE AND DIOULO FEEL U.S. VISIT WILL PROVIDE GROUP WITH EXCELLENT BEFORE/AFTER STUDY. THEY CAN OBSERVE PROJECTS IN PROGRESS IN BRAZIL AND SEE FINISHED PROJECTS (TVA AND PUERTO RICO PARTICULARLY) ON U.S. TOUR.

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AS NOTED A-4, IVORIAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT

SOUTHWEST REGION, AND POST SEES THIS AS EXCELLENT POOPRTUNITY TO ADD TO TRADITIONA IV PROGRAM VISITS TO AMERICAN ENGINEERING AND SUPPLY FIRMS THAT COULD LEAD TO INCREASED AMERICAN EXPORTS AS PLANS FOR SOUTHWEST REGION DEVELOP.

SINCE ONE OF OUR FY 74 GRANTEES, ABDOULAYE KONE, WILL NOT BE ABLE TRAVEL THIS YEAR, POST REQUESTS THAT HIS GRANT BE AWARDED CASIMIR KRA AND THAT DEPARTMENT FUND FALL-OUT GRANTS FOR KPATCHIBO AND DADIA.

3. NAME CHECKS ON ALL FOUR HAVE BEEN INITIATED, AND NO VISA PROBLEM ANTICIPATED. SINCE DIOULO MUST BE IN BRAZIL BY MARCH 17 AND PLANS DEPART FOR U.S. AROUND FEBRUARY 22, REQUEST SOONEST REPLY.

4. POST ALSO PLANS NOMINATE BITTY MORO, DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL THEATRE AND LANZENI COULIBALY, ATTORNEY GENERAL, FOR FALL-OUT GRANTS. BIO DATA AND JUSTIFICATION FOLLOW SEPTTEL. DIAMANTI

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